

CLAIMS

1. A bed comprising a frame and a mattress support, wherein the mattress support is suspended from the frame by a plurality of elastic supporting means.
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2. A bed as claimed in claim 1 further comprising means for restraining lateral movement of the mattress support in at least one direction.
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3. A bed as claimed in claim 2 wherein the lateral restraining means is provided by the elastic supporting means.
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4. A bed as claimed in claim 3 wherein at least one pair of elastic supporting means extend between the mattress support and the frame in opposite directions from a normal to the plane of the mattress support, to provide the lateral restraint.
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5. A bed as claimed in any preceding claim wherein at least some of the elastic supporting means are provided by a single length of elastic cord.
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6. A bed as claimed in claim 5 wherein separate elastic cords are provided at opposite ends of the bed.
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7. A bed as claimed in claim 1 wherein the elastic supporting means are provided by a plurality of loops of elastic.
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8. A bed as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the elastic supporting means are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed.
9. A bed as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the mattress support is substantially rigid.

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10. A bed as claimed in any preceding claim comprising at least three elastic supporting means.

5 11. A bed as claimed in any preceding claim further comprising means for restraining upward movement of the mattress support.

12. A bed as claimed in claim 11 wherein the upward restraining means are elastic cord.

10 13. A bed as claimed in claim 11 or 12 wherein separate means for restraining upward movement are provided at opposite sides of the bed.

15 14. A bed as claimed in claim 13 wherein the elastic supporting means are provided only at the opposite ends of the bed and the elastic upward restraining means are provided only at the opposite sides of the bed.

20 15. A bed as claimed in any preceding claim further comprising means for limiting downward movement of the mattress support.

25 16. A bed as claimed in claim 15 wherein the downward limiting means is substantially inelastic.

30 17. A bed as claimed in claim 15 or 16 wherein the downward limiting means comprises a cord or chain provided on one of the frame and the mattress support, the cord or chain being removably engaged with the other of the frame and the mattress support.

35 18. A bed as claimed in any one of claims 15 to 17 wherein the downward limiting means are provided at each corner of the mattress support.

19. A bed as claimed in any preceding claim further

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comprising means for limiting lateral movement of the mattress support.

20. A bed as claimed in claim 19 wherein the means
5 comprise loops of cord or chain provided on the bed frame and on the mattress support at each corner.

21. A bed as claimed in claim 19 or 20 wherein the loops of cord are elastic.

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22. A bed substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.